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SUBJECT: FCO ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN AFGHANISTAN

REF: A) KABUL 4069; B) KABUL 4094

1. W. KELVIN WHITE IN FCO BRIEFED EMBOFF MAY 22 ON
UK POSTURE IN HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE IN AFGHANISTAN.
BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN KABUL ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE

.
HAS JUST TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF A CALL ON THE NEW SECRE-
TARY GENERAL OF THE AFGHAN FOREIGN MINISTRY TO SAY
TO HIM THAT HMG HAD TAKEN NOTE OF THE ASSURANCES
GIVEN IN THE MFA STATEMENT OF MAY 17 ON TREATMENT
OF THE WIVES AND CHILDREN, AND THAT HE THOUGHT UK
FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN WOULD WELCOME IT.

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2. BRITISH AMBASSADOR HAS NOW REQUESTED FCO AUTHORI-
ZATION TO APPROACH AFGHANI MINISTER OF JUSTICE
SHARAEI LATER THIS WEEK AND SAY THAT HMG WELCOMES
THE MFA STATEMENT. WHITE TOLD EMBOFF HE THOUGHT FCO
WOULD PROBABLY GIVE BRITISH AMBASSADOR THE AUTHORIZA-
TION TO DO SO.

3. MEANWHILE, WHITE CAUTIONED, HMG AND THE WESTERN POWERS SHOULD BE CAREFUL "NOT TO SLAM THE DOOR" ON THE NEW REGIME UNLESS WE RECEIVE "PROOF POSITIVE" THAT THE REGIME MERITS THAT TREATMENT. HENCE, FOR THE MOMENT WE SHOULD CONFINE OURSELVES TO PRIVATE APPROACHES TO THE AFGHAN REGIME RATHER THAN PUBLIC ACTS.

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